

Appln. No. 09/847,843
Amendment dated October 27, 2006
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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration of the present application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

This Amendment is submitted after the filing of a Request For Continued Examination.

Subsequent to filing the Request For Continued Examination on October 13, 2006, Applicant's attorney, Robert Michal, conducted an interview with Examiner Thompson regarding the present application. The courtesy of Examiner Thompson in granting an interview in connection with this application is acknowledged and appreciated. During the interview, the present claimed invention and cited references were discussed and differences between the present claimed invention and the references of record were pointed out.

In view of the Advisory Action issued in connection with this application on September 27, 2006 and the interview conducted with Examiner Thompson, the claims are amended to more clearly define the present claimed invention over the cited references.

Specifically, independent claims 4, 8 and 12 are amended to include the recitation that the controller prevents an image from being read in a wrong read size when automatic detection of the size of a document on the document table fails.

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Applicant would also like to point out to the Examiner that the independent claims include the limitation concerning the designation of the document size of a document to be read by the document reader, and this is clearly different from the disclosure of Hisatake, which does not disclose this limitation. Applicant respectfully states that the Examiner's misunderstanding may be caused by the fact that he regards the designation of the size of a recording paper sheet used in printing in the Hisatake reference the same as the designation of the document size of a document to be read in the present claimed invention. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner note this distinction when reconsidering the present claimed invention and Hisatake.

Applicant also respectfully states that Hisatake discloses interruption of a registered printing job, but does not recognize an influence on the user due to a forcible change of a read document in a state when the cover is closed. In Hisatake, image data is stored in preparation for an interruption of a printing job. However, this technique is not suitable with an interrupt of a reading job to acquire image data.

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In view of the amendment of claims 4, 8 and 12 and the foregoing remarks, Applicant respectfully states that the independent claims and the claims dependent thereon are in form for immediate allowance, which action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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